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***Re: Operational Alternative for Post-2004 Operations  
Federal Register: December 2, 2003 (Volume 68, Number 231)] [Notices] [Page 67417-67437]***

Dear Mr. Carter,

The Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) hereby submits comments on the above-referenced Federal Register Notice on Western Area Power Administration's proposed decision regarding post-2004 operations.

ACWA's Board of Directors adopted Resolution 03-13 supporting Western's efforts to achieve a control area solution on December 12, 2003.

Thank you and if you have any questions regarding this correspondence, contact Mat Maucieri in ACWA's Washington Office at 202.434.4760.

Sincerely,

STEPHEN K. HALL  
Executive Director

Attachment

**RESOLUTION 03-13**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE**  
**ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES**  
**SUPPORTING WESTERN AREA POWER ADMINISTRATION**  
**CREATION OF FEDERAL CONTROL AREA**

**WHEREAS**, the mission of California's municipal and agricultural water agencies is to deliver the highest quality water at the lowest cost to the consumer, with the least environmental impact; and

**WHEREAS**, the availability of affordable, reliable power supplies for moving and treating water is essential to this process; and

**WHEREAS**, at the end of 2004 existing long-term power transmission contracts with Pacific Gas & Electric that provide for the integrated and interdependent operation of the Western Area Power Administration and PG&E transmission system will expire; and

**WHEREAS**, WAPA has proposed to establish a new federal control area in 2005, continuing its role in power transmission scheduling, rather than transferring this authority to the California Independent System Operator; and

**WHEREAS**, this arrangement will provide flexibility to the Bureau of Reclamation in moving water releases around its system, and discourage new fees or rules by Cal-ISO, both goals supported by ACWA-member contractors to the Bureau's Central Valley Project (CVP); and

**WHEREAS**, the federal control area would enable CVP customers to maintain their traditional relationships, and Reclamation customers to utilize their own transmission lines in concert with Cal-ISO to reliably deliver project use power to pumping loads; and

**WHEREAS**, alternatives to the control area proposed by the California Independent System Operator do not provide equivalent benefits to water users.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) supports Western's efforts to achieve a control area solution that will bring benefits to participants and little or no impact on non-participants.

**I certify that this is a true copy of Resolution 03-13 as passed by the Board of Directors of the Association of California Water Agencies at its meeting on December 12, 2003.**

**Date: December 12, 2003**

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